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1. WHILE WE ARE DISTURBED BY REPORT OF FOREIGN MINISTER
OF APPARENT HARDENING IN PRG ATTITUDE TOWARD ROK OFFICIALS
IN SAIGON, WE ARE AT LOSS TO RECOMMEND ANY FURTHER
ACTIONS. ROKG HAS PRESUMABLY BROUGHT THESE LATEST RE-
PORTS TO ATTENTION OF UNHCR, ICRC AND GOF AND REPEATED
ITS EARLY REQUEST FOR ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE

2. AS EMBASSY AWARE, ICRC AND OTHERS ARE FULLY COGNIZANT
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OF US INTEREST IN STATUS OF THESE KOREANS FROM OUR

APPROACHES IN MAY. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS ON OUR PART WOULD ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO .ROKG DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS. EMBASSY MAY WISH TO INFORM FONMIN THAT USG HAS SOUGHT WITHOUT SUCCESS FOR TWO MONTHS, THROUGH ICRC AND OTHER CHANNELS, RETURN OF BODIES OF TWO MARINES KILLED DURING VIETNAM EVACUATION AS WELL AS RELEASE OF US CITIZENS DETAINED IN SOUTH VIETNAM. WE HAVE PROBLEM OF KOREANS IN SAIGON VERY MUCH IN MIND AND WILL INFORM ROKG OF ANY NEW OPPORTUNITIES WHICH ARISE. FOR PRESENT HOWEVER WE REGRET THAT PROSPECTS FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION ON OUR PART ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED. SISCO

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